

Alstead Advisory Budget Committee Minutes for the June 22, 2016 meeting:

Members in attendance:

Chris Hansen, Marge Noonan, Carol Reller, Sam Sutcliffe, Barbara Viegner, Julie Stevens, Mary Ann Wolf.

Review agenda and minutes from the last meeting:

The meeting minutes of June 8 were approved (5/yes, 0/no, 2/abstentions).

Select Board meeting:

The only member of the AABC in attendance who was at the Select Board meeting was Marge.

The Lake Warrant Grant was discussed. David is tracking DPW hours worked, as they will need this information. There is some question as to who actually owns the boat landing. This grant is for engineering and assessment. There would be a later grant effort to actually pave the road (Pine Cliff) because of dust.

The SB signed an agreement that they did not object to Kroka Expeditions applying for L Chip funds in order to purchase the farm at Rogers Road and Rt. 123. They would also offer scholarships to town residents for their camps. They stated that they were currently willing to keep the property on the tax roles.

Jesse is looking into a FEMA grant, which may be available to fund an AED purchase.

Forest Fire wages are at \$22,000. Bills are almost all in.

The Selectmen received a proposal to do a partial survey of the Bragg Lane property, but they are not sure who requested the proposal. We need a full survey. A topo was received but is not what they really need. Julie has not heard anything about a meeting or a committee.

There has still been no progress to date on job descriptions and a performance review process for town employees.

There was no discussion of the CIP. Julie left the AABC meeting to talk to Peter Rhoades who was outside. He stated that the Planning and Select Boards would meet on August 2nd at the SB meeting to work on the CIP. He also stated that the SB hoped to find the money to do the survey.

Champion Door met with Tim, Rock, and Carol and will bring a structural engineer in from Williams Construction for evaluation and a quote. They did a similar job for the Swanzey FD.

Fuzzy Brothers have been contracted for \$5000 to dig out the Vilas Pool gate again even though there is no line item for this expense.

Transfer Station Committee:

- We do not have a contract with Casella to haul the compactor or C and D waste. Naughton is less expensive than Casella's tipping fees.
- We pay by weight for C and D which is not good as the dumpster is open and water, snow, etc. can add to the weight.
- Dexter trucking will haul at \$75/hour.
- Langdon is looking to sell their old compactor AND bin (which would give us a 3rd bin)
- An extra bin would help us to send off full loads.
- Glenn is working on a spreadsheet analysis with tonnage by date from 2013 forward.
- Mandatory recycling could cut the load by 1/3. If that were the case we could go from 1½ bins to 1 bin per week, which would cut transportation of that waste in half.
- We should take caps off of plastic bottles.

Year-to-date budget review:

There is still concern over the DPW part time hours, which are in the 70% range for YTD.

Action items:

- Glenn will add the Flood/Fire Reserve Fund to his list of possible 2017 warrant articles.
- We also need to add a new metal dumpster and an AED for the ambulance to the list of possible 2017 warrant articles. Scribe's suggestion – this list should be shared on Google Drive.
- Chris H. will contact Chris R. regarding liaison between the AABC and the SB.
- Anyone available should attend the SB meeting on 7/5 as that is DPW week and it would be a good chance to discuss the concern with PT wages and OT.

Next meeting: Next meeting is July 13 at the Town Offices.

Agenda items for next meeting:

Items from the punch list: budget review, town employee job descriptions, building maintenance, transfer station committee, CIP, and Bragg Lane.

We need to be able to update the AABC mail group, as Nick is no longer a member of the committee. We need someone to take this over.

Minutes submitted by Carol Reller 6/28/17